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1. THE TOTAL 1978 QUOTA FOR OFFSHORE GREENLAND SHRIMP AS OBTAINED FROM DENMARK'S FISHERY MINISTRY IS 40,000 MT, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: GREENLAND 18,000, DENMARK 3,000, NORWAY 9,500, FAROES 8,500, CANADA 1,000. IN ADDITION, THE INSHORE, SMALL-CRAFT FLEET OF GREENLAND HAS A 10,000 MT QUOTA. BECAUSE THE CANADIAN QUOTA IS BEING TAKEN BY A CHARTERED NORWEGIAN TRAWLER, DANISH OFFICIALS SEE THIS QUOTA AS A DE FACTO INCREASE IN THE NORWEGIAN SHARE.

2. BASED ON CURRENT SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE 1979 QUOTA WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS 1978. THEREFORE, ANY QUOTA WHICH THE USS MIGHT RECEIVE WOULD HAVE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE QUOTAS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.  
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DENMARK HAS SEVEN VESSELS DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SHRIMPING OFF GREENLAND WHICH ARE NOT NOW BEING FULLY UTILIZED. WE WOULD EXPECT TO HEAR OBJECTIONS FROM THAT SOURCE TO ANY REQUEST FOR A US QUOTA.

3. DENMARK IS PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO WIN SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR GREENLAND FROM THE EEC WITH RESPECT TO

GREENLAND'S FISHERIES. GREENLAND WILL BE PERMITTED TO DECIDE ITSELF ON WHETHER OR NOT IT WISHES TO REMAIN AFFILIATED WITH THE EEC OR, LIKE THE FAROES, LEAVE THE COMMUNITY. THE TREATMENT GIVEN GREENLAND BY THE EEC WITH RESPECT TO GREENLAND'S FISHERIES WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN GREENLAND'S DECISION ON ITS EEC MEMBERSHIP. THIS SITUATION WILL MAKE DENMARK EVEN MORE RELUCTANT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A GREENLAND QUOTA FOR THE US AT THIS TIME.

4. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT MIGHT BE TROUBLESOME IS THE US INSISTANCE ON A PRIOR RECORD OF FISHING OFF THE US COAST AS A FACTOR IN GRANTING US QUOTAS TO EC COUNTRIES. SHOULD THAT PRINCIPLE BE APPLIED IN GREENLAND, THE US WOULD BE IN A WEAK POSITION SINCE IT HAS NO RECORD OF SHRIMP FISHING OFF GREENLAND.

5. IN SUMMARY, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE SHRIMP STOCKS OFF GREENLAND ARE BEING FULLY EXPLOITED ALREADY. FURTHER, SHOULD GREENLAND RECEIVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ITS FISHERY RESOURCES THROUGH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE EEC, IT IS EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT FOREIGN QUOTAS WILL BE REDUCED CONSIDERABLY IF NOT ELIMINATED ENTIRELY. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT THIS IS NOT A PROPITIOUS TIME TO APPROACH DENMARK FOR US QUOTAS IN GREENLAND.  
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